

THE NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE FULL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.

The monthly meeting of the Board of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority of the Orleans Levee District was held on Thursday February 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m., in the Lake Vista Community Center, 2nd Floor, 6500 Spanish Fort Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member, the news media, and a copy of the call was posted.

Chairman Scott called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called which constituted a quorum.

PRESENT:

Chairman Nyka Scott
Vice Chairman Ernst
Secretary Romona Baudy
Commissioner Wilma Heaton
Commissioner Carlton Dufrechou
Commissioner William Hoffman
Commissioner Patrick DeRouen
Commissioner Pearl Cantrelle
Commissioner Michael Stack
Commissioner Stan Brien
Commissioner Darrel Saizan
Commissioner Eugene Green
Commissioner Rodger Wheaton

ABSENT:

Commissioner Robert E. Smith Lupo
Commissioner John Trask

STAFF:

Louis Capo - Executive Director
Sharon Martiny – Non-Flood

ALSO PRESENT:

Al Pappalardo - Real Estate Consultant
Gerard Metzger - Legal Counsel
Walter Baudier - DEI
John Holtgreve – Design Engineering, Inc.
Sarah McLaughlin – USACE
Bradley Drouant - USACE
Tom Schedler – Secretary of State
Dr. Sandra Wilson – Registrar of Voters
Angie Roberts - Commissioner of Elections
Lynn Long – Resident

ADOPT AGENDA

Commissioner Ernst offered a motion to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Baudy and unanimously adopted.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Green offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2013 Board meetings, seconded by Commissioner Cantrelle and unanimously adopted.

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Capo reported that Anthony Pisciotta retired and Vincent Caire has resigned from the Non-Flood Authority. Mr. Caire stated that it was a pleasure working with the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority and invited the Board to contact him if needed regarding the history of Lakefront Airport. The Board thanked Mr. Caire for his service and all of the hard work. Commissioner Heaton informed Mr. Caire that Louisiana Landmarks will host an award ceremony for the restoration of the Lakefront Airport Terminal Building and requested that Mr. Caire attend the ceremony on April 9, 2014.

PRESENTATIONS

Tom Schedler – Secretary of State

Dr. Sandra Wilson – Registrar of Voters

Mr. Schedler advised the Board that this request addresses the use of the second floor meeting room in the Lake Vista Community Center for early voting. There are three sites in Orleans Parish, one being the Registrar of Voters Office. Additionally, there is a warehouse in New Orleans East, a site in Algiers and the Regional Planning DOTD facility was used as a temporary site for the Mayoral election. As the New Orleans East warehouse site is temporary there is a need for a permanent site. The City Council voted for an appropriation to accommodate this issue. The appropriation money is provided by the City Council for equipment and materials related to early voting. An early voting site must have ADA compliance, parking, availability of restrooms and the ability to take in my two associates. ADA compliant port-o-lets are provided if the facility is not ADA compliant. The Lake Vista Community Center site meets all of the required criteria so we are here to make a formal request to this Board. The request is for a permanent early voting site, not a precinct.

Commissioner Heaton noted if the Authority should have to lease the property, a caveat could be added to the lease that the area would be used for early voting. Mr. Capo advised that Mes Amis Quilt Shop uses the area for the regional convention and the Authority charges a fee for the use of the area. If a request was made to lease the area, the Authority could advise that the room is not available on those few days that the early election would take place. The Authority would notify as to all Board and Committee meetings held in the Community Center.

Mr. Schedler informed that early voting is Saturday through Saturday starting two weeks from the Saturday election. The regular election in November would be the first election held in the Community Center lasting a total of seven days. The Community Center would be locked down and security would be provided as voting machine equipment would be stored in the area. The elections would be limited to major elections such as parish-wide elections, congressional and federal elections or city/state-wide elections.

Commissioner Heaton advised that Mr. Schedler requested to attend the meeting tonight in an effort to complete the paperwork prior to April 1, 2014. This would not tie up the Community Center year round and this is a good public service for the Authority to provide. Mr. Schedler advised that early voting is a seven day period ending at 6:00 p.m. and a schedule would be provided. Commissioner of Elections, Angie Roberts, stated that it would take the IT Department approximately two months to dedicate a line to secure the voting system and have it in place. The first election would be the November fall election.

Dr. Wilson advised that an exit survey was taken after the Regional Transportation Management Center was used for early voting. The survey showed that 98% of the residents in this area were extremely satisfied with the operation and that the location was convenient. An early voting site in the Community Center would serve the area and be a convenience to residents. This facility has enough storage space and sufficient space for equipment and personnel.

Commissioner Heaton advised that the lease term would be addressed in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA), which would possibly be one year to start. Mr. Schedler stated that there was some hesitation on securing a temporary site as this may cause some confusion by moving from site to site. An exit clause could be included in the lease if needed. Commissioner Hoffman suggested the lease include an exit clause in the event the building was sold, the Authority would not be bound by the lease.

Commissioner Heaton moved for a suspension of the rules to allow the Board to act on the issue with the caveat that the Executive Director is authorized to execute an agreement to be reviewed by the Legal Committee and ratified by the Board. This is a great public service and many people are excited. Mr. Metzger advised that no lease was needed as no rent will be paid, it will be a CEA. Commissioner Heaton advised that the Authority would not be charging rent because the use is for public purpose. The

Secretary of State would cover any expenses needed to drop a line. Commissioner Hoffman noted that the Authority will benefit because better internet service will be provided. Chairman Scott requested the Secretary of State forward a proposed CEA to Mr. Capo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Airport Committee – Commissioner Heaton cancelled the Airport Committee meeting due to a family emergency and advised that there were many pending issues and good things happening at the Airport, which will be reported via e-mail. There are several items that will be brought before the Board at the March meeting.

Marina Committee – Commissioner Dufrechou advised the Marina Committee meeting was cancelled. There was a meeting with principals from the South Shore Harbor Tenants Association, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Capo and myself. There is a lot going on at South Shore Harbor that may draw more tenants.

Commercial Real Estate Committee – Commissioner Ernst advised that the issue addressing West End Park will be discussed under Motion No. 4.

Recreation/Subdivision Committee meeting – The Recreation/Subdivision Committee meeting was cancelled.

Legal Committee – The Legal Committee meeting was cancelled.

Finance Committee – Commissioner Hoffman informed that the Finance Committee reviewed the first draft of the 2014-2015 proposed budget. Each Committee will review and provide feedback on the individual budgets which will be delivered to the Finance Committee at the March 20, 2014 meeting. The budget will be presented for adoption at the March 20, 2014 Board meeting.

Special Ad Hoc Committee (Outfall Canal Project) – Commissioner DeRouen advised that there are two items on the Agenda which will be addressed at the appropriate time.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Motion to authorize PCCP Constructors, A Joint Venture (PCCP), to make a median cut on Lakeshore Drive for access to the Permanent Canal Closure and Pump Station Project site on the east side of the London Avenue Canal subject to the following conditions: PCCP shall submit to the Management Authority for review and approval a detailed advance warning signage plan, sealed/signed plans for the proposed median cut and subsequent paving, sealed/signed plans to restore the median and curb to their original condition once construction is complete; PCCP Constructors shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Management Authority, Orleans Levee District and its consultants against all liability arising out of an accident due to access to or from the construction site using the median cut; no vehicle shall be permitted to make a left hand turn onto Lakeshore Drive to exit the construction site; when necessary the Lakeshore Drive west bound left lane near the median cut shall be closed to traffic on Lakeshore Drive; a police officer shall be stationed on Lakeshore Drive to regulate traffic when appropriate; and, PCCP shall pay for all costs related to the median cut, restoration of the median and curb and expenses incurred by the Management Authority for the review and approval of the warning signage plan and plans for the median cut and restoration of the median and curb by the Management Authority's engineering consultant.**

Commissioner DeRouen informed the Board of two extensive meetings addressing the outfall canal issues. There was significant community input and involvement and there was significant involvement and input by the contractor and the Corps. The Hold Harmless Agreement contemplated in this Motion is consistent with the Hold Harmless the Authority required from the contractor and the Corps for previous activities.

Mr. Metzger advised that the Authority has never received a Hold Harmless from the Corps. The Hold Harmless from PCCP will be more extensive and include the District and Management Authority as proposed by DEI. The Management Authority and Orleans Levee District are included as corporate entities, and each Board member will be protected. The liability coverage would hold harmless the Authority from any negligence on its part. The Hold Harmless will cover specifically an auto accident. A standard permit will be issued and signed by both parties. Commissioner DeRouen thanked DEI for turning out the permit request, analyzing the plans and reviewing the proposal from the contactor in a timely manner.

Commissioner DeRouen offered a motion for the median cut, seconded by Commissioner Heaton and unanimously adopted to wit:

MOTION: 01-022014
RESOLUTION: 01-022014
BY: COMMISSIONER DeROUEN
SECONDED BY: COMMISSIONER HEATON

February 20, 2014

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority ("Management Authority") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and the governing authority of the non-flood protection assets of the Orleans Levee District ("District");

WHEREAS, Lakeshore Drive and adjacent parkways and green spaces are part of the non-flood protection assets owned by the District under the management and control of the Management Authority;

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has contracted with PCCP Constructors, a Joint Venture ("PCCP Constructors") for construction of the Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps on the outfall canals on Lakeshore Drive (the "Project");

WHEREAS, PCCP Constructors after consultation with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana and Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East established haul routes for trucks transporting materials and supplies for the construction of the Project;

WHEREAS, PCCP Constructors has requested permission from the Management Authority to cut the median on Lakeshore Drive to permit trucks approaching from the east to make a left hand turn on Lakeshore Drive into the construction site on the east side of the London Avenue Canal;

WHEREAS, the Special Ad Hoc Outfall Canal Construction Committee at its meeting held on February 14, 2014 voted to recommend to the Management Authority approval of the request by PCCP Constructors to cut the median for access to the construction site on the east side of the London Avenue Canal, subject to the following conditions:

1. PCCP Constructors shall submit to the Management Authority a detailed advance warning signage plan for review and approval, which shall include advance warning of at least 1,000 feet in either direction from the proposed median cut;
2. PCCP Constructors shall submit to the Management Authority, for review and approval, sealed and signed plans for the proposed median cut and subsequent paving;
3. PCCP Constructors shall submit to the Management Authority, for review and approval, sealed and signed plans to restore the median and the curb to their original condition once construction is complete;
4. PCCP Constructors shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Management Authority, Orleans Levee District and its consultants from and against all liability arising out of an accident due to access to or from the construction site using the median cut;
5. No vehicle shall be permitted to make a left hand turn onto Lakeshore Drive to exit the construction site;
6. When appropriate and necessary the west bound left lane on Lakeshore Drive near the median cut shall be cordoned off and closed to traffic on Lakeshore Drive;
7. A police officer shall be stationed on Lakeshore Drive to regulate traffic when appropriate and necessary; and,
8. All costs and expenses related to the median cut, restoration of the median and curb and expenses incurred by the Management Authority for the review and approval of the warning signage plan and plans for the median cut and restoration of the median and curb by the Management Authority's engineering consultant.

WHEREAS, the Management Authority after considering the recommendation of the Special Ad Hoc Outfall Canal Construction Committee resolved that it is in the best interest of the Orleans Levee District to approve the median cut on Lakeshore Drive requested by PCCP Constructors, subject to the conditions set forth above by the Special Ad Hoc Outfall Canal Construction Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Management Authority approves the request by PCCP Constructors to cut the median on Lakeshore Drive to permit trucks approaching from the east on Lakeshore Drive to make a left hand turn into the construction site on the east side of the London Avenue Canal, subject to the following conditions to be set forth in a permit issued to and signed by a duly authorized representative of PCCP Constructors:

1. PCCP Constructors shall submit to the Management Authority a detailed advance warning signage plan for review and approval, which shall include advance warning of at least 1,000 feet in either direction from the proposed median cut;
2. PCCP Constructors shall submit to the Management Authority, for review and approval, sealed and signed plans for the proposed median cut and subsequent paving;
3. PCCP Constructors shall submit to the Management Authority, for review and approval, sealed and signed plans to restore the median and the curb to their original condition once construction is complete;
4. PCCP Constructors shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Management Authority, Orleans Levee District and its consultants from and against all liability arising out of an accident due to access to or from the construction site using the median cut;
5. No vehicle shall be permitted to make a left hand turn onto Lakeshore Drive to exit the construction site;
6. When appropriate and necessary the west bound left lane on Lakeshore Drive near the median cut shall be cordoned off and closed to traffic on Lakeshore Drive;
7. A police officer shall be stationed on Lakeshore Drive to regulate traffic when appropriate and necessary; and,
8. All costs and expenses related to the median cut, restoration of the median and curb and expenses incurred by the Management Authority for the review and approval of the warning signage plan and plans for the median cut and restoration of the median and curb by the Management Authority's engineering consultant.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Management Authority Chairman or Executive Director be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents and take any and all action necessary to carry out the above.

AYES: SCOTT, ERNST, BAUDY, HEATON, DUFRECHOU, HOFFMAN, DeROUEN, CANTRELLE, STACK, BRIEN, SAIZAN, GREEN, WHEATON

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: LUPO, TRASK

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES

2) Motion to approve the opening on weekends of the west bound lanes of traffic on Lakeshore Drive from the PCCP construction site on the west side of the Orleans Avenue Canal to Shelter No. 1 on Lakeshore Drive.

Mr. Capo advised that this would authorize the opening on weekends of the westbound lanes of traffic on Lakeshore Drive between the PCCP Construction site on the west side of the Orleans Avenue Canal and Shelter No. 1 on Lakeshore Drive.

Commissioner DeRouen informed the Board that this motion was addressed in the two meetings discussed earlier. There was significant involvement by all stakeholders. This request is not tied to the construction site or the outfall canal, but to determine how Lakeshore Drive will operate in the foreseeable future.

Commissioner DeRouen offered a motion to authorize the opening of westbound lanes of Lakeshore Drive on weekends, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and unanimously adopted to wit:

MOTION: 02-022014

RESOLUTION: 02-022014

BY: COMMISSIONER DeROUEN

SECONDED BY: COMMISSIONER HOFFMAN

February 20, 2014

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority ("Management Authority") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and the governing authority of the non-flood protection assets of the Orleans Levee District ("District");

WHEREAS, Lakeshore Drive and adjacent parkways and green spaces are part of the non-flood protection assets owned by the District under the management and control of the Management Authority;

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has contracted with PCCP Constructors, a Joint Venture ("PCCP Constructors") for construction of the Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps on the outfall canals on Lakeshore Drive (the "Project");

WHEREAS, PCCP Constructors after consultation with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana and Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East established haul routes for trucks transporting materials and supplies for the construction of the Project;

WHEREAS, PCCP Constructors in order to meet the completion date of the Project has and intends to work on certain weekends;

WHEREAS, on weekends the west bound lanes of traffic on Lakeshore Drive have been for many years closed to vehicular traffic and have been open only to pedestrians;

WHEREAS, in view of the closure on weekends of the west bound lanes of traffic on Lakeshore Drive, PCCP Constructors obtained a permit from the City of New Orleans to use Marconi Drive in Lake Vista as part of the haul routes for the project when Lakeshore Drive is closed;

WHEREAS, the use of Marconi Drive as part of the haul routes poses serious public safety and liability issues for the District;

WHEREAS, opening the west bound lanes of traffic on Lakeshore Drive between the PCCP construction site on the west side of the Orleans Avenue Canal and Shelter No. 1 on Lakeshore Drive on weekends will eliminate the need for PCCP Constructors to use Marconi Drive as part of the haul routes for the project;

WHEREAS, the Special Ad Hoc Outfall Canal Construction Committee of the Management Authority at its February 14, 2014 meeting voted to recommend that the Management Authority authorize the opening on weekends of the west bound lanes of traffic on Lakeshore Drive between the PCCP construction site on the west side of the Orleans Avenue Canal and Shelter No. 1 on Lakeshore Drive; and,

WHEREAS, the Management Authority after considering the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Outfall Canal Construction Committee of the Management Authority resolved that the it is in the best interest of the Orleans Levee District and public safety to authorize the opening on weekends of the west bound lanes of traffic on Lakeshore Drive between the PCCP construction site on the west side of the Orleans Avenue Canal and Shelter No. 1 on Lakeshore Drive.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Management Authority authorizes the opening on weekends of the west bound lanes of traffic on Lakeshore Drive between the PCCP construction site on the west side of the Orleans Avenue Canal and Shelter No. 1 on Lakeshore Drive.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Management Authority Chairman or Executive Director be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents and take any and all action necessary to carry out the above.

AYES: SCOTT, ERNST, BAUDY, HEATON, DUFRECHOU, HOFFMAN, DEROUEN, CANTRELLE, STACK, BRIEN, SAIZAN, GREEN, WHEATON

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: LUPO, TRASK

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES

3) Motion for approval of Iberia Bank's request to assign and transfer the Lease of Boathouse W-21 to Thomas Delaune and Gladys Maria Delaune
Chairman Scott advised that Motion No. 3 will be deferred.

4) Motion to rescind Resolution No. 02-081513 and to issue a permit to the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Louisiana, Inc. for the construction and maintenance of the Hibernian Memorial in the New Basin Canal Park

Mr. Metzger advised that while investigating fundraising and other activities that the Ancient Order of Hibernians could conduct on the site, as it is a passive nature park, issues arose under the Louisiana Public Lease Law. The issue is that most of the Authority's leases are in a reclamation zone, the area this Board's predecessor developed from the Lake, and plenary authority is given to this Board to lease the property. If this area was leased there would be a bidding problem. As discussed with Mr. Kassler, counsel for the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the lease will be converted into a five year permit with all terms and conditions the same as the lease, except the Authority will not warrant peaceable possession which is the primary obligation of a lessor to a lessee.

Mr. Kassler advised that the Hibernians were ready to move forward and advised of interesting developments with the Irish Government and New Orleans who have announced that the annual International Famine Commemoration will be held in New Orleans in November of 2014. This event has been in cities around the world and will bring much activity around the City from November 6-9, 2014. The Hibernians will have

a dedication ceremony at the cross site that Sunday which will include officials from the Irish Government.

Mr. Kassler advised that the survey indicates that the area to be used is four acres, most of which is grass that will be maintained. There is a mound behind where the cross presently stands that will be developed. Monuments will be added that depict the history of the canal and the famine that generated immigration to New Orleans and allowed people to dig the canal. The area on the other side of the sidewalk will be developed as a passive park area to expand and enhance the present area.

Commissioner Ernst offered a motion to rescind the Resolution No. 02-081513, seconded by Commissioner Heaton and unanimously adopted to wit:

MOTION: 04-022014
RESOLUTION: 04-022014
BY: COMMISSIONER ERNST
SECONDED: COMMISSIONER HEATON

February 20, 2013

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority ("Management Authority") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana and the governing authority of the non-flood protection assets of the Orleans Levee District ("District");

WHEREAS, one of the non-flood protection assets owned by the District is the former location of the New Basin Canal which is now part of the neutral ground between Pontchartrain Boulevard and West End Boulevard in the City of New Orleans;

WHEREAS, the construction of the New Basin Canal began in 1832 and was completed in 1838 and the manual labor for building the Canal was performed primarily by Irish immigrants;

WHEREAS, many of the Irish immigrants died during the construction of the Canal from occupational hazards and diseases and many of these Irish immigrants were buried along the Canal;

WHEREAS, in the late 1980's the Irish Cultural Society of New Orleans proposed the construction of a memorial monument to the Irish immigrants who worked on the New Basin Canal, consisting of a Celtic Cross, located on the south side of the former Civil Defense Center;

WHEREAS, the former Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, which was the owner of this property, authorized the construction of the memorial monument and park, known as the New Basin Canal Park, which was completed and dedicated in November of 1990;

WHEREAS, the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Louisiana, Inc., a Louisiana non-profit corporation, has proposed to expand the Irish Memorial in the New Basin Canal Park and offered to lease approximately four acres of land including the site of the Irish Memorial, for a term of sixty (60) years, with a rental rate of \$100.00 per annum, with the lessee among other things responsible for liability insurance, repairs, clean-up and grass cutting and also agreed to provide a bond, letter of credit or security deposit in the amount of \$25,000.00 to secure the maintenance and other obligations of the lessee;

WHEREAS, the Management Authority approved said lease pursuant to Resolution No. 02-081513;

WHEREAS, during the negotiation of the written lease issues arose regarding the legal efficacy of the lease in view of the terms and conditions of the Louisiana Public Lease Law, La.Rev.Stat. 41:§1211, et seq.;

WHEREAS, these legal issues were discussed during the Commercial Real Estate Committee Meeting held on February 6, 2014 and the Committee resolved to recommend to the Management Authority to rescind Resolution No. 02-081513 and recommend that the Management Authority issue a permit to the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Louisiana, Inc. for the construction and maintenance of the Hibernian Memorial in the New Basin Canal Park under terms and conditions similar to the proposed lease approved by the Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Management Authority after considering the recommendations of the Commercial Real Estate Committee resolved that it is in the best interest of the Orleans Levee District to rescind Resolution No. 02-081513 and approve the issuance of a permit to the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Louisiana, Inc. for the construction and maintenance of the Hibernian Memorial in the New Basin Canal Park under the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 02-081513 be and is hereby rescinded.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Management Authority approves the issuance of a permit to the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Louisiana, Inc. for the construction and maintenance of the Hibernian Memorial in the New Basin Canal Park for a term of five (5) years, with an annual permit fee of \$100.00 per annum, with the permittee responsible for liability insurance, repairs, maintenance, clean-up and grass cutting, including cutting the grass on the 0.215 acre strip in the New Basin Canal Park owned by the City of New Orleans, and including

provisions that the construction of any improvements on the leased premises will be subject to the prior approval of the Management Authority, that the contractor engaged to make any improvements will be required to provide a payment and performance bond, that a bond, letter of credit or security deposit in the amount of \$25,000.00 will be provided by the permittee to secure the maintenance and other obligations of the permittee and that the premises will be maintained as a passive nature public park with no commercial activity as required under applicable state law;

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Management Authority Chairman or Executive Director be and is hereby authorized to sign said permit authorized under this Resolution with the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Louisiana, Inc. and any and all other documents necessary to carry out the foregoing.

AYES: SCOTT, ERNST, BAUDY, HEATON, DUFRECHOU, HOFFMAN, DEROUEN, CANTRELLE, STACK, BRIEN, SAIZAN, GREEN, WHEATON

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: LUPO, TRASK

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynn Long – Resident/President - Lake Vista Neighborhood Association

Ms. Long thanked the Board for the hard work in passing the Resolution for use of Marconi and noted that the neighborhood appreciates the assistance. An e-mail was received last Friday night at 7:00 p.m. from Jay Proskovec advising that PCCP would be using Marconi all day on Saturday, which is in direct violation of the agreement as PCCP could have used Lakeshore Drive eastbound.

Commissioner Ernst noted that PCCP has some wiggle room as Mr. Proskovec did not say that PCCP would never use Marconi Drive if Lakeshore Drive is open. If PCCP was moving equipment from the yard at Marconi and Robert E. Lee, PCCP could use Marconi. Ms. Long advised that the e-mail stated PCCP would be hauling sand to the Orleans Avenue station from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and tandem trucks will be traveling southbound from Lakeshore Drive to Robert E. Lee. It is understood that sometimes PCCP will have to use Marconi.

Commissioner DeRouen advised that use of Marconi was allowed only when westbound Lakeshore Drive was not available. The contractors could use eastbound Lakeshore to enter the site and when leaving trucks could exit the site, cross the bridge and turn right onto Robert E. Lee. The contractor had the City's permission to use Marconi as a haul route going out of the site, turning right across the bridge, right on Marconi and onto Robert E. Lee. As the Authority approved that westbound Lakeshore Drive be opened this should not be a problem.

Ms. Long advised that she received an e-mail from Mr. Ural of the Department of Public Works. Public Works concluded that qualifications for use of Marconi as a haul route were that Marconi was only to be used when Lakeshore Drive is inaccessible and those stipulations should be strictly adhered to. PCCP's reason for using Marconi was due to school dismissal at Mt. Carmel and the traffic and danger involved. However, Mr. Ural's letter addresses concerns regarding school students at dismissal and large crowds along the Lakefront. The letter states that provided the drivers operate vehicles in a safe and prudent manner, the issues should not pose a problem. The letter was signed by Allen Ural, the Chief Traffic Engineer. Ms. Long requested, that the e-mails from Mr. Proskovec and Mr. Ural be included in the record.

Mr. Capo advised that the Orleans Levee District Police would close Lakeshore Drive when necessary. During weather-related matters Lakeshore Drive will be closed and on weekends westbound traffic is traditionally closed. During unusual events, dispatch may or may not notify of the closure. To clear up the confusion Mr. Capo advised that communication will be made with Captain Boudreaux to ensure that notification is provided directly to the contractor. As the Resolution was passed tonight, the Orleans Levee District Police will be advised that Lakeshore Drive going west from Marconi will be opened this weekend. Traffic coming out of Marconi will be directed to the right or to the left. Commissioner DeRouen noted that vehicles will be allowed to turn right or left on Canal Boulevard as those barricades will be removed. The eastbound Marconi barricades will stay the same. Mr. Capo stated that there will be a barricade at Rail Street. Chairman Scott requested that the position of barricades be confirmed in writing with the Orleans Levee District Police. The police will write tickets to those who disobey

the traffic pattern. The issue regarding Lakeshore Drive opening east to west will be placed on the March Recreation/Subdivision Committee Agenda as requested by Ms. Dawn Hebert.

Mr. Capo informed the Board that he received a call from Councilmember Guidry regarding drag racing, burning and spinning of tires in the parking lots near Landry's. Captain Boudreaux assured that there would be a police officer patrolling the parking lot to prevent those activities. NOPD is currently patrolling the area across from Brisbi's Restaurant Monday through Friday and have been very lucrative with writing tickets.

Commissioner DeRouen advised that the Insurance Committee has requested staff to move forward with issuing an RFQ for an insurance agent of record to determine what can be done regarding the Authority's insurance premiums and building values.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next full Board meeting of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ernst offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Heaton and unanimously adopted. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.